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TAGS: ETRD, EGEN, HA

SUBJECT: DUPONT CARIBBEAN, INC.

REF: STATE 072724

1. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE PIERSON IS ENCOUNTERING GOH PRESSURE AGAINST HAITIAN LEGAL FRATERNITY DESIGNED TO DEPRIVE HIM OF COUNSEL IN PENDING ACTION. IN FACT, WE HAVE HEARD ON FAIRLY GOOD AUTHORITY THAT HE ENGAGED LOUIS LAMARRE, A COMPETENT LAWYER KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY, ON APRIL 17. IN ABSENCE TO DATE OF FURTHER APPROACHES BY PIERSON, EMBASSY HAS NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT WITH HIM.

2. IF IT DEVELOPS THAT PIERSON IS IN TRUTH WITHOUT COUNSEL, OUR UNDERSTANDING OF LEGALITIES INVOLVED IS THAT HE MUST PLEAD HIS OWN CASE IN THIS CIVIL ACTION (HAITIAN LAW PROVIDES FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS ONLY IN CRIMINAL CASES) OR SUFFER A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT. TIMING OF SUMMONS/ RESPONSE/ COUNTER-RESPONSE/ APPEAL PROCESS IS SUCH, HOWEVER, THAT REPORTEDLY THE CASE COULD BE PROLONGED OVER PERIOD OF MONTHS BY GOOD LAWYER. INITIAL EIGHT- DAY PERIOD FOR NOTIFICATION OF COURT BY PIERSON AS TO WHO WILL REPRESENT HIM PRESUMABLY EXPIRES TODAY (APRIL 19), BUT CIVIL TRIBUNAL WENT INTO EASTER RECESS APRIL 18 AND WILL NOT RECONVENE UNTIL MAY 7.

3. APPOINTED OFFICERS OF TEXAS FEDERAL COURT SELLIER AND POPOVICCI CONTACTED EMBASSY APRIL 10. LATER THEY REPORTED THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOINTLY HAD INTERVIEWED FINANCE SECRETARY FRANCISQUE AND HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH COMMERCE SECRETARY FOURCAND APRIL 13.

RESULTS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE NOT KNOWN. FYI: SELLIER
AND POPOVICCI ACCEPTED EMBOFF'S SUGGESTION THAT THEY PRESENT
THEIR INFORMATIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO WEEKLY MEETING OF HIGH-
LEVEL FOREIGN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, BUT THEN EVENTUALLY FAILED
TO APPEAR BEFORE GROUP WHEN EMBOFF REFUSED AS INAPPROPRIATE THEIR
REQUEST THAT HE ACCOMPANY THEM. END FYI.
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